

Announcements

a hospital accredited by the JCAHO (or other organization recognized by the ABTS). In addition, a valid ABTS certificate is an absolute requirement for entrance into the Maintenance of Certification process. If your certificate has expired, the only pathway for renewal of a certificate is to take and pass the Part I (written) and the Part II (oral) certifying examinations. The names of individuals who have not maintained their certificate will no longer be published in the American Board of Medical Specialties Directories. Diplomates' names will be published upon successful completion of the Maintenance of Certification process.

The CME requirements are 30 Category I credits earned during each year prior to application. At least half of these CME hours need to be in the broad area of thoracic surgery. Category II credits are not allowed. Interested individuals should refer to the Booklet of Information for Maintenance of Certification for a complete description of acceptable CME credits. Diplomates will be expected to submit verification of CME earned.

Diplomates in the Maintenance of Certification process will need to provide a summary of their major cases performed during the year prior to application. The practice review should not exceed 100 cases.

Diplomates in the Maintenance of Certification process will be required to complete all sections of the SESATS

self-assessment examination. It is not necessary for Diplomates to purchase SESATS individually, because it will be sent to them after their application has been approved.

Diplomates may apply for Maintenance of Certification in the year their certificate expires, or if they wish to do so, they may apply up to two years before it expires. However, the new certificate will be dated 10 years from the date of expiration of their original certificate or most recent recertification certificate. In other words, going through the Maintenance of Certification process early does not alter the 10-year validation. Diplomates certified prior to 1976 (the year that time-limited certificates were initiated) are also required to participate in MOC if they wish to maintain valid certificates.

The deadline for submission of application for the Maintenance of Certification is May 10 of each year. All ABTS diplomates will receive a letter from the Board outlining their individual timeline and MOC requirements. A brochure outlining the rules and requirements for Maintenance of Certification in thoracic surgery is available upon request from the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, 633 North St. Clair Street, Suite 2320, Chicago, IL 60611; telephone (312) 202-5900; fax (312) 202-5960; E-mail info@abts.org. This booklet is also published on the Web site: www.abts.org.

Thoracic Surgery Foundation for Research and Education and Women in Thoracic Surgery

Carolyn E. Reed Traveling Fellowship

It is with honor and sorrow that the Thoracic Surgery Foundation for Research and Education (TSFRE), in conjunction with Women in Thoracic Surgery (WTS), announces the Carolyn E. Reed Traveling Fellowship.

Dr Reed was a thoracic surgeon, educator, and successful researcher; she died early and before her retirement. To honor her legacy, TSFRE in conjunction with WTS established this award, which will allow a clinically established female thoracic surgeon to travel to another institution in order to learn a new skill or technology.

The reality and success of this award requires a specialty-wide fundraising effort. Together with you—Carolyn's colleagues, CT surgery community members, corporate supporters, and institutional partners—we can celebrate Carolyn's life and dedication to education and innovation.

There are several ways to **contribute to the Carolyn E. Reed Traveling Fellowship**:

- Make a credit card donation online at www.tsfre.org.
- Mail your donation to TSFRE, 633 North Saint Clair Street, Floor 23, Chicago, IL 60611.

Please make checks payable to TSFRE and note the Carolyn E. Reed Fellowship in the memo section of your check.

Please contact Priscilla S. Page, TSFRE Executive Director, at ppage@tsfre.org with questions. A full description of the Carolyn E. Reed Traveling Fellowship can be found at www.tsfre.org.

Thoracic Surgery Foundation for Research and Education

The Thoracic Surgery Foundation for Research and Education (TSFRE) recently announced six new cardiothoracic surgery research grants to support young investigators. Under the leadership of TSFRE president John H. Calhoon, the TSFRE Board of Directors accepted the recommendation of the TSFRE Research Committee and voted unanimously and enthusiastically to support the following projects:

- 1 Ravi K. Ghanta, MD, TSFRE Research Grant, \$80,000, "Therapeutic Mechanical Modification of Myocardial Infarcts With Tunable Nanofibers to Prevent Ventricular Remodeling"

- 2 Ann C. Gaffey, MD, TSFRE Braunwald Fellowship, \$60,000, “A Novel, Vascularized Clinically Translatable Tissue Engineered Construct to Provide Anio-genic Endothelial Projenitor Cell Therapy to Treat Ischemic Cardiomyopathy”
- 3 Emily A. Downs, MD, TSFRE Braunwald Fellowship, \$60,000, “Anisotropic Reinforcement of Acute Right Ventricular Dysfunction”
- 4 Dawn S. Hui, MD, TSFRE Simulation Grant, \$15,000, “Defining Nontechnical Predictors and Number of Repetitions to Reach Technical Skill Proficiency on Coronary Anastomosis Simulation Prior to Patient Experience”
- 5 Linda W. Martin, MD, Carolyn E. Reed Traveling Fellowship, \$10,000, “Robotic Thoracic Surgery at the University of Alabama at Birmingham”
- 6 Edward Cantu, MD, NIH Matching K23 Grant, \$150,000, “Lung Transplant Donor: Prediction, Evaluation, and Mechanism”

The TSFRE was established in 1988 as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable organization. Representatives from the four leading thoracic surgery societies—the American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS), the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS), the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association (STSA), and the Western Thoracic Surgical Association (WTSA)—serve on the TSFRE Board of Directors. The mission of TSFRE is to foster the development of surgeon scientists in cardiothoracic surgery—increasing knowledge and innovation to benefit patient care.